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19 MAY 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Prospective Publications

1. Action Requested: Guidance as to the publications you wish to see developed for future promulgation.

2. Background:

a. On 14 March 1977 you raised the question as to the pros and cons of publishing an annual DCI threat assessment. In response to a subsequent ICS/OPP memorandum to me on the topic, you and I conferred as to what you had in mind and it was determined that you envisioned a comprehensive worldwide threat analysis dealing with the totality of United States concerns, rather than primarily with the tasks of American intelligence. We asked the D/DCI/NI to develop a concept paper describing the purpose, scope and frequency of publication of such a document for your consideration. It was also determined that you desired that the DCI Annual Report include an unclassified version at its next publication. (Memorandum copy is at Tab A.)

b. On 25 April 1977 you asked about the status of any study efforts dealing with four topics in which you have an interest, including that of an "intelligence posture statement." In responding we pointed out actions underway in preparation for publication of the next annual report. Your marginal note indicated that you were interested instead in classified and unclassified versions of a substantive intelligence posture statement similar to the Secretary of Defense's, rather than something dealing with the process of intelligence and the state of the world. (Copy of memorandum with your notes at Tab B.)

c. On 1 May 1977 your note to me asked that someone extract from the last version of the Secretary of Defense's posture statement the principal intelligence content so we could see what we might want to include in a DCI posture statement, and whether we would have done it differently. (Copy of note at Tab C.) This has been done, and the extract and a discussion are at Tab D.

d. It appears from review of the foregoing that the following documents should be prepared in response to your desires:

(1) Substantive intelligence posture statement: a comprehensive worldwide threat assessment which would be similar to that prepared for the Secretary of Defense, but which would not duplicate it, dealing instead with a broader range of threats (political, economic and the like, not just military) and from a national rather than departmental perspective. To be published at the Secret level, and if possible in an unclassified version.
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(2) DCI annual report on the Intelligence Community: a report on your first year of stewardship, to include problems encountered and the solutions devised, changes in the world environment affecting the conduct of intelligence operations, managerial and organizational initiatives, explication and rationalization of the proposed budget, and futures prospects. To be published at the Secret level, and if possible in an unclassified version.
Action: D/DCI/IC.

e. An alternative to publication of these two separate documents would be to prepare a consolidated document addressing both substantive intelligence matters and a report on the Community.

3. Recommendations: That you approve for planning the publications described in 2d above, or provide guidance for alternatives if these are not responsive to your concerns.

[Redacted Signature Box]

Daniel J. Murphy

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Attachments:
Tabs A thru D

Memorandum for DCI from D/DCI/IC, subject: "Prospective Publications"

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Director of Central Intelligence

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